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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON
THE BUDGET AT THE 65TH SESSION OF THE IMPERIAL DIET. 30 JANUARY 1934.

Answer of the Minister of State.
Minister of State Hirota.

Regarding the relation with the USSR, since my tenure of office in Moscow, believing it not good for both countries when such a big problem has arisen in the Far East to have relations between Japan and the USSR worsening, I have been endeavoring to solve the problem as reasonably as possible and, by doing so, to show the world that the situation was not becoming worse. Since I took up the present post I am keeping this intention in mind. As yet I cannot report concrete realization of this intention, but to describe frankly the recent situation, the most reasonable way to deal with the relation between the two countries is to solve the most impending problem first and I intend to offer my good offices to accomplish the purchase of the Chinese Eastern Railway by Manchukuo.

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農務大臣

露西亞トノ關係ニ付キマシテハ、私ハ露西亞ニ在勸中カラ新ウ云フ一ツノ大
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STENOGRAPHIC RECORD OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT THE 67TH SESSION
OF THE IMPERIAL DIET. 26 JANUARY 1935.

Answer of the Minister of State.
Minister of State (Mr. Koki Hirota).

According to my belief, the Russian and Japanese Government concluded the Portsmouth Treaty after the bitter experience of war between the two countries. In this treaty Saghalien was divided at 50° latitude and all fortifications were prohibited, while between Korea and the Maritime Province too there is a promise restricting fortifications. I think that these clauses were included from the conviction that from the bitter experience of war the previous course should not be repeated and a peaceful arrangement should be made. Consequently, I often told the Russian authorities that it is most important to approach the question of the boundaries of Russia and Manchukuo with the same idea. At any rate the above problem will be dealt with after the conclusion of the purchase of the Chinese Eastern Railway, and I shall do my best towards that end.

You have made a detailed comment on Japanese international relations, but from my point of view I concur completely with Mr. Ashida's opinion. I have never taken an optimistic view of the international conditions confronting Japan for the future; of course, optimistic views cannot be allowed.

Reviewing the armament situation of the powers, although there is no likelihood of immediate collisions or wars, every country is spending great sums for the increase of armaments. Under these circumstances, even though Japan has peaceful aspirations, it is my conviction that she should not be vulnerable militarily. However, even if this be the case, if I should be asked if there will be war in the near future, I would answer that I am firmly convinced that during my tenure of office there will be positively no war.

There are many more points in your questions but, generally speaking, I think I have covered all the points positively calling for my answer.

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